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WE REPEAT.

The Asheville Citizen announced some days ago that the Hon. Locke Craig aspires to be the next governor of North Carolina and makes bold to present his name for consideration by the State democracy in connection with the democratic gubernatorial nomination. This newspaper long since declared its preference for Mr. Craig and a further declaration would simply be a matter of form. Following up frequent references to the availability of Mr. Craig, his claims upon the people, and the ability to serve them this paper gave further expression to its sentiments in the issue of July 20, which we here repeat:

"The general opinion has prevailed, and been frequently expressed, since the memorable State Democratic convention of 1908 adjourned that two candidates for governor of North Carolina had practically been named by the delegates then and there assembled—Kitchen and Craig. The former has had his inning and nearly every body in this part of the State is looking forward to the fulfillment of the party pledge (so understood) to place Locke Craig in the Governor's chair next year.

After the long, strenuous fight in the Charlotte convention had been concluded and Congressman W. W. Kitchen was declared to be the Democratic party's candidate for governor, that gallant democrat and immaculate Tar Heel Statesman, Locke Craig, appeared upon the platform and spoke as never man spoke, under similar conditions, for peace and harmony in the grand old party of the people, pledging the unstinted support of himself and his friends to the ticket nominated. And he kept that pledge faithfully. The first speech heard for W. W. Kitchen and the democratic ticket in the campaign which followed was made by the distinguished Buncombe man, and his voice was raised in every section of the State until the contest had been concluded and victory perched upon the Democratic banner. Two years later, after the party had been deprived of three of the ten representatives in congress, Mr. Craig again responded on the firing line till the last charge against Butler, booze, boodle and bonds had sounded the death knell of the busted crew under the supposed direction of John Motley Morehead. In that conquest Locke Craig performed his full duty—and more—as he had done, unslakably, for twenty years before. He did not go about nursing a political ambition, but pleading for party harmony and predicting party success. The result of that battle is distinctly remembered and Mr. Craig deserves to share largely in the fruits of that glorious victory.

And his valuable service to the democratic party for all these years entitles him to vastly more than the mere "sounding of brass and the tinkling of timbrels." In fact his friends have virtually been promised the governorship for him next year. It should not be Mr. Craig of the Tenth district, but Locke Craig of North Carolina, whose name, alone, is presented to the Democratic State convention of 1912. His party service entitles him to the nomination for governor next time and this fact has been generally conceded these three years.

A formal announcement through his home paper is all right, but it was not necessary, as the candidacy of Mr. Craig has been considered a matter of fact ever since the Charlotte convention adjourned three years ago. The nomination of Locke Craig for governor next year is written in the stars and only the interference of Providence can prevent it, without a complete change of public sentiment now prevailing throughout the state. The east seems practically solid for him and he has lost none of his popularity in this section. Looks like a walk-over.

OBSERVER MAKES AMENDS.

One of the most difficult problems with which a daily newspaper has to deal is the reporting of sensational matters like the Hawkins tragedy here some weeks ago, when the pressure under which the reporters labor is so great. The wonder is that papers make so few mistakes in the hurry and excitement. But we are told that mistakes will occur in the best of families and the Charlotte Observer family is considered amongst the elite of the land. Yet during the investigation by the coroner of this county into the causes which led to the death of Miss Myrtle Hawkins, a reporter of that reputable newspaper did injustice to a young lady by implicating her in the revolting affair. There was, of course, no intention upon the part of the paper to misrepresent anyone and the Observer lost no time in making appropriate apology when the error was

discovered, which ought to fully satisfy the party aggrieved. It said:

"During the progress of the coroner's inquest into the Myrtle Hawkins mystery at Hendersonville, The Observer in a story printed September 16, stated that a warrant had been drawn for Miss Isabel Grant, a trained nurse of Atlanta, in connection with the case, when, as a matter of fact, the warrant was drawn for Mrs. Bessie Clark Guice. The error in name was due to the misunderstanding of a telephone message from the correspondent who was covering the story at Hendersonville.

Miss Grant had no connection with the affair at all except as a voluntary witness before the coroner's jury and The Observer sincerely regrets that an unfortunate error caused her unpleasant publicity.

In two previous statements, in the news columns and editorially The Observer has endeavored to correct any wrong impression that might have been created by this unfortunate error and takes a further opportunity to make and tender sincere regrets and apologies for the embarrassing error. A publication may have brought Miss Grant."

Under the libel laws of North Carolina whenever a newspaper of the State has published anything libellous concerning an individual, which is afterwards found to be incorrect, and makes proper correction the party aggrieved cannot sue it and recover anything except the payment of actual damages. This is a just law and protects honest newspapers. Publications that wilfully malign the characters of persons are not entitled to consideration. The Observer has done everything that could reasonably be expected to correct its unfortunate error and is to be commended for the fair and open way in which the admitted duty has been performed.

FOR WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

It was the writers pleasure to attend the "boosters meeting" held at the Battery Park Hotel, Asheville, on Monday evening, October 9, a complete report of which appeared in the last issue of this newspaper. Asserting that the meeting was a great success in putting it mildly; in attendance and enthusiasm the record was smashed; the speakers of the evening met every expectation; delectable viands in super-abundance satisfied tempered desires; bewitching music lent enchantment to the scene, and if any unpleasant memories sought to detract from the pleasures of the evening they took unto themselves wings and were wafted on the mountain breezes into space far remote from this fair and flowery land of wonderful possibilities.

There was not a discordant note of any kind to disturb the harmony of the occasion and those who conceived the idea of inaugurating a co-operative movement for Western North Carolina by "pulling off" this banquet have abundant cause to congratulate themselves.

The meeting was distinctly a Western North Carolina affair and the watchword was "co-operation." Representatives were present from many of the towns in this section, all appeared to be of the same mind and registered the determination to stand together for greater Western North Carolina. The wonderful attractions, resources and other advantages of this favored section were portrayed by eminent speakers and emphasized in short talks by those most vitally interested. It was a real big family affair and ultimate success of the movement seems assured.

The meeting reached a wise conclusion in its decision to hold a similar convention in Asheville on Tuesday October 24, at which time a permanent organization will be perfected. Committees which shall represent the various towns and cities have been appointed and it is proposed to bring about the more extensive advertising of the entire section. The commercial and official bodies of every Western North Carolina town will be urged to provide representation at next Tuesday's meeting. There is a disposition upon the part of the people to eliminate all petty jealousies and stand together for a common cause. Hendersonville can well afford to be magnanimous. Let her join heartily into the spirit and purposes of this meritorious movement.

THE FAIR A SUCCESS.

The first session of the Western North Carolina fair pulled off in Asheville last week, was a remarkably creditable affair and the promoters of the enterprise are entitled to heartiest congratulations. The outcome is just another instance of results accomplished from the "pooling of issues," by a number of counties. The community spirit seems to have taken a firm hold upon the people of this entire western section and the evidences of cooperation visible on every hand at the Asheville fair means a great step forward in the industrial development of Western North Carolina. It would be a difficult undertaking for some of the smaller counties, but a simple matter for a number of them working together, to provide a combination of creditable exhibits like those presented at the exposition last week.

It is a pleasure to note that our own good county of Henderson

was very much in evidence and the names of a number of her enterprising farmers appear in the list of awards. Where merit wins the Henderson county farmer may be relied upon to get in the game. It has not been many years since they supported an enterprise of this kind themselves and to the inspiration resulting from that experience is largely due the remarkably fine showing made by the county at the Western North Carolina Fair last week.

Congratulations to one and all who contributed in the production of the splendid exhibition and especially those energetic citizens whose efforts have been rewarded with handsome trophies for worthy achievements in their various spheres of industrial endeavor.

Let us hope that the outcome of the first session of the Western North Carolina Fair means the beginning of an era of progress that shall transform this beautiful mountain county from a condition of comparative inactivity along agricultural lines, into a land of promise, progress and material development unexcelled in the South. Friendly rivalry between the counties should be encouraged for competition is said to be the life of trade. With the farmers of each individual county earnestly striving to excel their neighbors in the production of agricultural products, stock raising, fruit growing, etc., would come improved methods of farming and a general awakening in rural development. The farmers might then be depended upon to provide themselves with bread and meat right here at home, instead of contributing, as at present, in swelling the bank accounts of the great packing houses and produce barons of the West. We are convinced that the fair means a greater Western North Carolina. Lets help make it better next year.

Governor Woodrow Wilson appears to regard the interests of the democratic party of more significance than his own personal ambitions. A resolution endorsing him for the democratic presidential nomination was introduced in the state convention at Trenton, New Jersey, recently, but the Governor was instantly on his feet and at his request, the proposition went to the table. He maintained that the resolution was contrary to the spirit of the law, passed by the legislature under which the convention was being held. Just such a spirit as that should prevail in every democratic convention and does in the absence of selfishness that is all too common these days.

Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia, announces his intention of retiring November 5th preparatory to taking up his duties as United States senator. He will doubtless be succeeded by former Governor Joseph M. Brown, who entered the race some weeks ago. It will be remembered that Mr. Brown was defeated by Governor, now Senator, Smith last year, but the friends of "Little Joe" believe he can come back and having induced him to enter the lists—the fight is on, with chances in his favor. There is something doing, politically, down in Georgia most all the time, and the average citizen over there stands in the same class with a maiden at the age of sixteen so far as fickle-mindedness is concerned.

New School, New Type for the South.

The Inter-Church College is the name of a quite new educational venture in the South. It is located at Nashville and will aim to train leaders in religious and social work. Theological seminaries train it is said, leaders in strictly evangelistic and pastoral work, but in the South, at any rate, seminaries are not equipped to train directors for social settlements, heads of charity bureaus, church musicians, medical nurses, kindergartners and prison, hospital and school visitors.

The new college insists, in its announcements, upon the strategic value of the leaders in every work and in every community, and states that in the South such leadership is even more rare than in the North. Putting into effect new ideas of Christian unity the college purposes to train for all religious bodies, and while now located in modest quarters its ambition is to create at Nashville a great foundation. It will use educational facilities already at that center, but will itself aim to provide teachers for sociology, missions, languages, and other subjects that may be given in common for all religious life. It is the first federated school of its kind in America.

Represented on its directory are foremost Presbyterian, Disciples, Baptist and Methodist ministers and laymen, not a few of them leading educators of the South, such as President Gates of Vanderbilt University, President Washington of Tuskegee; President Landrith of Belmont College at Nashville and President Thirkfield of Howard University at Washington. A special department is provided for the training of leaders among negroes. The general secretary is the Rev. James E. McCulloch of Nashville.

TAXES.

The tax payers of Henderson county are requested to meet me or my deputy at the following times and places for the purpose of settling their taxes for the year 1911, which are now due and in my hands for collection.

A Doctrine of Vandalism.

When Vice President Sherman declares that in the matter of natural resources each generation should take care of itself and leave its successors to do likewise, he sounds a doctrine that would have chimed well with the early Vandals, but which in this day clangs strangely out of tune. Of all standpatters the vice president is one of the least notable, but certainly one of the staunchest. His sympathy has no room for any policy that is called progressive. In Michigan, the other day, while speaking on industrial conditions, he took a fling at the conservation movement.

The modern idea of husbanding the country's natural wealth, of protecting it against the greed of monopolies and the waste of the ignorant is being carried much too far, the vice president thinks. He holds that the present generation has the right to use, to its own biggest advantage, the soil and streams and forests. The prospect of their depletion is nothing for us to worry over; "let each succeeding generation use its wits and devices to make existence comfortable."

Such a doctrine, if allowed to go its length, would put an end to civilization itself. Social progress rests upon the truth that "none of us liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself." Whatever we have of freedom and power and good today is the legacy of long centuries of men who planned and strove to enrich the lives of those who were to come after them.

The conservation movement is simply the practical application of a time-old and time-tried gospel to present day needs. It appeals to the farmer to use his fields in such a manner that he can bequeath them to his son in a better condition than he found them, and it appeals to the government of the states as well as the nation to safeguard the forests and water courses against reckless exploitation by special interests. Its purpose has been well defined as being "to perpetuate the natural resources as far as possible for the benefit of future generations, and to insure all men a measurably equal opportunity to use them."

True conservation is positive and constructive, not negative in its object. It works not in the spirit of a miser, but of a wise investor. It recognizes that despite their primal abundance there is a limit to the country's natural riches and that, in many instances, the limit is almost in sight. A land stripped of its forests and drained of its water courses must inevitably become a desert without raw material for industrial enterprises and even without food for the people.

It is, therefore, as unwise as unjust to suffer the destruction of such resources either through petty ignorance or through powerful monopolies. Far from being carried to an extreme, the idea of conservation has, as yet, taken only a groping step or two toward its great problem. It should be entrenched more and more deeply in the policy of the nation and of every one of the states.—Atlanta Journal.

Simmons Will go Back.

Simmons will go back again. The sturdy people of North Carolina will ask themselves in all seriousness why they should kick Simmons out to put in Clark or Kitchen? Clark has been highly honored and why should he want to take the place of a servant who has made good? True Simmons has not yet proclaimed himself for woman suffrage, as Clark has done, but on this burning issue there is plenty of time left for him to decide. North Carolina will doubtless follow Virginia and swat with unerring aim the hot-air artists who seek place by assailing the well-ordered conditions, and by attempting to inflame the passions of the people. Simmons has made good. He is in position, by reason of his experience in the Senate, to do still better, and until he has betrayed his trust, or shown himself incompetent, there is no reason in God's bright world why he should be stood aside to make a place for Kitchen or Clark. Neither of them can accomplish what Simmons can accomplish for the State, and the question is not debatable. Simmons has the experience and stands today where either of the other two would not stand for at least six years. Why should North Carolina surrender a valuable servant to make room for men who have been highly honored in other positions? No reason in the world and the voters will say so.—Everything.

Well-Directed Attack.

Public sympathy should not be withheld from Dr. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, in his latest activity against the soft drink evil, if, indeed, it is assured that this is an evil. The great good that this distinguished chemist has contributed to the health of the people of the United States in searching out impurities in foods and drugs is of invaluable consequence and his declaration of purpose to inquire further into the soft drink question indicates that he holds highly sensible views in regard to the sale of artificial sweeteners. "If I had my way no soft drink would be permitted in the market with the exception of that containing pure food extract, sugar, spice and pure water," declares Dr. Wiley. "The health of children should not be endangered by the artificial sweeteners, coloring matter and flavors that are sometimes used and the public should be protected against the caffeine and 'dope' that find their way into many drinks." This view outlined by the chief of the bureau of chemistry is shared generally by that body of physicians whose constituency confronts them with the fact that the health of children is being undermined and tremendously impaired by agencies that in other years were not in existence.—Charlotte Observer

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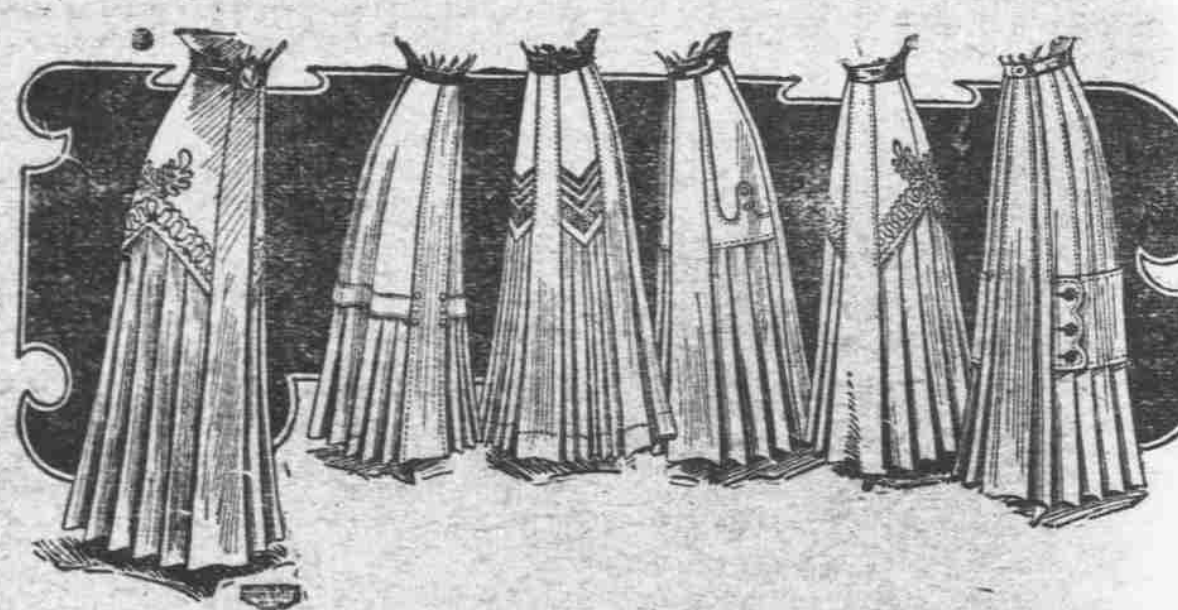
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Leaving home to take a position as a school teacher; to be met in Lynchburg by her lover; to be married at the home of a friend; and to start on a bridal trip to Cuba, was the experience of Miss Annie Lee Holt, of Burlington, N. C., all of which was crowded into about 16 hours one day and night last week.

Miss Holt, who is the daughter of Lafayette Holt, of Burlington, is a

member of one of the best known families of North Carolina, and her husband is H. B. Wood, editor and owner of the Highland Recorder, of Monticello, Va.

Miss Holt reached Lynchburg Tuesday afternoon, to be met by Mr. Wood, who immediately drove with her to the home of a friend, W. M. Kulp, in Madison Heights, where at 8 o'clock they were married by the Rev. Joseph H. Dunn, of St. Paul's Episcopal church.